

debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Approximately 12 minutes left of the debate time on this resolution. Please record your vote on the motion to cease debate if you wish to vote. Take more time taking a vote here maybe than moving on, but please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I just want to very briefly stand up and tell you that I don't know exactly what I'm going to do in this resolution, but I want to point out and I think Senator DeCamp did this to some degree. I want to point out how inconsistent we are, how inconsistent we in agriculture are when we talk about how we don't like protectionism. We don't like protectionism as it applies to cargo preference. We don't like protectionism as it applies to automobile manufacturing. We don't like protectionism as it applies to industrial trade with Japan, but we love it when it applies to Canadian pork or Australian beef or Argentinean beef. I think we just need to stop once in a while and think about what we're really saying. You know it's true that the Cargo Preference Act causes the grain to be higher at the foreign market and it hurts agriculture and so, therefore, we say, hey, we don't like that. I suppose the same arguments could be made if I was going to stand up on the floor of a Legislature in New York or California or somewhere and say, you know, bacon could be cheaper for the consumers of the state in New York or California or wherever if we open the doors and let all the Canadian pork in, but I don't think that would be a very good argument, but it would be a true one. I'm in the hog business and I'm losing money like crazy, but the fact of the matter is because of a lot of other things, a lot of other things beyond our control, our dollar is so valuable that if I was a hog producer in Canada I'd want to be selling pork down here, too, whether I use chloramphenicol in it or not. I just think occasionally somebody ought to stand up and say wait a minute, let's at least be consistent. It seems rather ironic to me that one day after the Governor of this state says that we're not going to let Canadian pork into this state, we're standing up and saying, you know, we really don't like protectionism. What is it that we don't like? We don't like our ox to be